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Prices were generally unchanged to lower on mediums throughout the country. In Florida, prices were lower on the medium and larger sizes. Smalls were mixed; slightly higher in Florida, but lower in the North Central region. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady, trade sentiment was cautious. Demand ranged light to fairly good at times, mostly moderate, although occasionally better where feature activity was a factor. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to instances ample. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was unaggressive as most dealers assessed current needs. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums and the balance of prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautious and ranged from steady to barely steady. Demand was light to good, best where features were available. Supplies were adequate to ample for needs. Large eggs were advertised at 49 cents in the Philadelphia area, restrictions apply. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the slightly improved demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current trading needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was fair to occasionally fairly good and decreased in some areas due to the Yom Kippur holiday. Supplies were adequate for immediate trading needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 4 cents lower for medium, unchanged to 1 cent lower for small, and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service movement was fair to occasionally fairly good, best into retail features. Supplies were at least available to at times ample for all sizes. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were moderate for the adequate offerings of heavy weight product. Most buyers not purchasing extra product as they assess their needs. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate, and best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate for trade needs.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were 2 cents lower on mediums. In Florida, prices were lower on the medium through extra large sizes, but slightly higher on smalls. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady, and trade sentiment was generally cautious entering the week. Retail demand was generally fair to occasionally moderate, mostly fair. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white carton-ed large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the weekending Sept. 17, 1999, was 56.82 cents, 3.42 cents lower than the week before, and 13.58 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was generally unaggressive. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region, with mediums unchanged in the North-west and 4 cents lower in California. The Pacific region inventory was 10% lower than last Monday with California down 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in fair balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	66-68	63-66	43-46
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	42-44
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	35-36
Jackson (1)	64-65	59-60	44-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-72	56-70	41-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	35-40
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	67-69	63-64	47-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	79	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	87
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	235-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	205-239
LARGE	179-209	LARGE	169-225
MEDIUM	159-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 24, 1999 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 17, 1999 were 285,167 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	249,566	35,601	285,167

% change from the prior week..... +26 +1 +22
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Price unchanged. Trading and demand was fair for the adequate offers of heavy nest run breaking stock. Most buyers evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Regular commitments and company owned production satisfy needs. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-19	17

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal, although some were down for the holiday. Undertone was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-AUG-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-16.5	10-14.5	12.48
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with production fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-SEP-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-19.5	11-14	12.73

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM SEP 20, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	10.8	3.6	7.9	7.7	37.5
	Change	1.4	1.6	0.1	0.5	-0.3	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	33.4	8.9	23.2	17.2	106.2
	Change	6.8	3.5	-1.3	-2.4	-0.8	6%
Large	Curr Wk	39.8	66.7	54.8	64.2	69.8	295.3
	Change	8.4	10.1	-0.3	0.7	-4.7	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.0	28.6	15.1	25.0	21.7	108.4
	Change	3.8	2.2	-3.2	-0.7	-3.2	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.8	2.9	6.6	7.4	31.1
	Change	0.6	-1.0	1.6	-1.4	-0.2	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	10.9	14.4	12.4	11.0	4.4	53.1
	Change	0.0	0.0	2.5	-3.2	-0.6	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.4	80.8	10.2	21.5	44.4	186.3
	Change	6.4	4.3	-5.0	-0.6	-9.2	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	135.5	242.5	107.9	159.4	172.6	817.9
Percent	Change	25%	9%	-5%	-4%	-10%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	817.9	2%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	490.4	2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1308.3	2%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 02, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/17/99

CURRENT LOADS	30.50	FUTURE LOADS	10.50	TOTAL LOADS	41.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG
GNR W 1	39.00	—	40.00	41.50	32.00	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	42.50	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—
GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	27.50	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	50.00	1.50	GL W XL	—	—
GNR BR 1	—	85.00	81.50	—	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00	GL W LG	—	—
GL W XL	—	—	—	48.00	43.00	—	3.50	GL W SM	12.00	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	1.00	GL W SM	12.00	—
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	2.00												
GL W MD	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	2.50												
GL W SM	—	—	16.75	17.75	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	33.50	29.00	—	32.72	35.75	19.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	2.00												
NRBS - 39	—	14.00	11.00	—	—	—	1.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/13/99 - 09/17/99

CURRENT LOADS	120.25	FUTURE LOADS	31.50	TOTAL LOADS	151.75
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG
GNR W 1	39.50	37.17	40.25	41.64	36.17	—	32.00	GNR W 1	—	38.67	—	42.50	—	—	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	—
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—
GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	27.50	—	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	81.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—
GNR BR 1	—	83.00	74.21	72.00	—	—	10.00	GL W XL	40.00	—	—	50.00	—	—	47.19	6.25	GL W XL	40.00	—
GL W XL	—	39.00	47.33	47.00	41.54	—	22.25	GL W LG	35.88	40.00	—	—	—	—	43.46	9.50	GL W LG	35.88	40.00
GL W LG	—	40.60	45.00	46.50	35.87	—	9.50	GL W MD	23.50	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	2.00	GL W MD	23.50	—
GL W MD	—	—	18.50	20.00	32.25	—	8.50	GL W SM	12.00	—	—	20.50	—	—	17.50	2.00	GL W SM	12.00	—
GL W SM	16.50	17.50	15.38	17.63	16.50	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—
NRBS - 48	32.00	33.74	29.00	—	32.38	35.20	34.75	NRBS - 39	21.75	23.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	21.75	23.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.00	1.00												
NRBS - 42	22.60	24.00	—	—	—	26.00	4.50												
NRBS - 39	—	14.00	11.00	—	14.75	16.56	5.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	12.00	15.00	3.00												

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/29/99 - 9/04/99

Origin									
State	AZ	CO	IA	MN	MO	OR	TX	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	790	810	-	1,025	-	1,625	4,250
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	526	-	-	528
S. CA	750	4,976	8,432	5,573	2,362	-	470	840	23,403
TTL STATE	750	4,976	9,222	6,383	2,362	1,553	470	2,465	28,181

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	82-85	72-75	37-40	8-11

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57-60	48-54	46-51	29-34	15-19

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-34	17-19	8-10

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66.03	51.65	34.42

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/13/99	9/6/99	9/14/98
PACIFIC COAST	295	255	18
LOS ANGELES	253	253	18

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR September 20, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 9/5/99-9/11/99
30-dozen cases 4,885

Receipts from the mainland: 8/29/99-9/4/99
30-dozen cases 3,262

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